Rtvival schemes for Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd.

2389. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI;
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Wil1 the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd. Durgapur is the only company of its kind in the country manufacturing opthalmic and optical glasses in India and the complete production of the company is 1000 per cent import substitution;

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to revive this company immediately after its reference to BIFR;

(c) whether it is a fact that its revival scheme has received a set back because of progressive reduction in import duty on its products.

(d) if so, what action is being taken to protect the only company of its kind;

(e) whether any anti-dumping measures have been taken; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

TNE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Central, Glass and Ceramic Research institute, Calcutta, is also manufacturing optical glasses for the Operating Agency as well as the directions of BIFR.

(c) The reduction in customs duty on imported flint buttons has an adverse impact on the competitiveness of BUGL's flint buttons in the market.

(d) It is necessary for BOGL to adopt appropriate cost reduction measures so that it is self-reliant and competitive.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. The Government have not received any complaint of this product being dumped in the domestic market.

Financial irregularities in BBUNL

2390. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of financial irregularities in Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. which have been proved during last three years by CBI/Central Vigilance Commission;

(b) in how many cases action was taken against erring officials.

(c) how many senior management officials were allowed to leave their jobs without proving their innocence even when CBI investigations were initiated;

(d) whether their is any full time Chief Vigilance Officer in the Department of Heavy industry to look into above cases; and

(e) if not, what is the mechanism of expediting the vigilance cases?

TNE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Central Bureau of Investigation/Central Vigilance Commission have not proved any case of financial irregularities in Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. during last three years.

(b) and (c) In view of the above, questions do not arise.

(d) and (e) A Joint Secretary in the Department of Heavy Industry is the Chitf Vigilance Officer of the Department. The Vigilance Section expedites the pending cases in the Depadtment of Heavy Industry.

Functioning of BBUNL

2391. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Limited (BBUNL) is having a part-time chairman and an acting managing director in place of a full-fledged Chairman and Managing Director;